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HOPE, AND FEAR, IN EUROPE

From The New York Times

As spring comes again to the Continent of Europe it should bring a revival of hope. New grass is covering old battlefields. Ivy climbs over the ruins that three years ago showed the fresh scars of bomb and shell. To Europe's own resources of men and machines and the good earth has just been added the great economic strength of the democracy across the Atlantic, to help the process of recovery. Why, then, is hope subdued? Because of fear that force instead of reason may once more be invoked in a settlement of international problems.

Three years ago, when the guns ceased firing in Europe, hopes were high for general disarmament and the international control of such weapons as the atomic bomb. A new international organization was being set up, within which, it was believed, international differences might be peacefully resolved. But during the last two years and a half these early hopes have gradually faded. The great wartime alliance that worked so well to defeat fascism and nazism in Europe and predatory nationalism in Asia has disintegrated. An offer made by the United States to the Council of Foreign Ministers in Paris two years ago this month, to enter a Four-Power alliance to guarantee against German aggression, was spurned by Russia. Nearly every effort at resolution of differences within the United Nations has been blocked by veto. Distrust and suspicion have spread. In Eastern Europe Russia has used every trick of power and coercion to build between it and its one-time allies to the west a barrier of puppet states. What all the rest of the world has accepted as an unparalleled offer of international control of atomic energy by the country that controls it was denounced as a trick by the Kremlin's spokesman. While the democracies were busy demobilizing their military forces to a state almost of impotence there is evidence that Soviet Russia has not demobilized to any similar extent, but has continued instead to build up certain vital parts of her military establishment, notably her air force.

If the Western democracies are to keep the peace by any other means than an abject surrender to force, it has become necessary for them to rearm to a degree that will make it extremely dangerous for any would-be aggressor to attempt to use force against them. Because we alone have the economic strength for such an effort, this means particularly that the United States must rearm. Other democratic nations, standing in the shadow of Soviet expansionism, are fearful only that we will act too late with too little.

There are growing indications that at last Washington is aware of the choice it must make. Congressional wheels moved more rapidly last week than is their custom to prepare measures that would increase this country's armed might by as much as a quarter or a third of its present strength. Bills were drafted for re-enactment of Selective Service, for adoption of Universal Military Training—both of which are essential for a balanced defense— and for an immediate increase in our Air Force to as much as seventy groups.

There have been indications, too, in recent weeks that a Western European Union of still free states, so long discussed, may now not be too far distant. Already the United Kingdom, France, the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg have joined forces in an alliance. If the democratic elements in Italy win next Sunday's elections, Italy too may join. Once firmly knit in a political alliance, their defenses coordinated and armed with weapons which we could help to furnish, the Western European nations would offer an immeasurably stronger obstacle to aggression. Belgian Premier Paul-Tenri Spaek describes this as the hope of Europe. Definite proposals are being worked out in the State Department that soon may be presented to Congress. Certainly such military help should be offered if a strong Western European alliance becomes a reality.

All people of good-will must wish that we had today a world organized for peace, with an international body capable of enforcing it. The hard truth is that this is not the case. The sooner the fact is accepted, and more importantly the sooner a definite program of military strength is adopted by this country and translated into actuality, the sooner will be lifted the pall of fear that is a major cause in holding back European recovery. There is still time. Banded together, the Western democracies can demand that there be no war. If war can be avoided, who will say the price was too high?

VICE-PRESIDENTS

From Winchester Star

This being an election year it seems worthwhile to direct attention to the 34 men who have served as Vice-Presidents of the United States. Ten of the 34 have become Presidents, either by election or succession on the death of a Chief Executive. The importance of this office increases when one realizes that the chances are almost one in three that when we elect a Vice-President, we are also selecting a future President.

Originally, no one ran for Vice-President; the runner-up in the presidential election became Vice-President. But following a tie vote between Thomas Jefferson and Aaron Burr the constitution was amended in 1804 to provide that each party henceforth should present candidates for both offices.

Only six Vice-Presidents have succeeded themselves. As a matter of fact it has been easier to be re-elected after serving as President than Vice-President, the number of Presidents being re-elected total eleven.

John Calhoun was the only Vice-President to resign; he preferred to represent South Carolina in the Senate.

Politics became so hot during Martin Van Buren's tenure that he presided over the Senate with pistols by his side.

John Tyler, who became both President and Vice-President, ended his political career as a Confederate Congressman.

The youngest Vice-President was John C. Breckinridge. He was elected at the age of 35 and served under James Buchanan. Later he was Confederate Secretary of War. The oldest was Elbridge Gerry, 69, who served under James Madison, and Charles Curtis, 69, who served under Herbert Hoover.

New York has furnished more Vice-Presidents than has any other state, ten. Massachussetss and Indiana follow with four each.

When the two National Conventions select their nominees for Vice-President this summer the delegates would do well to remember that there is at least a 30% chance that the winning candidate will become the Nation's Chief Executive.

UP TO PARENTS AND CHURCHES

From Blackstone Courier-Record

A few weeks ago, the Supreme Court decided that the Constitution prohibits the compulsory public school system from cooperating in the religious instruition of school children.

Since that time a number of educators and church leaders have figuratively jumped over the moon in their denunciation of the decision, asserting that it is "anti-God."

We are unable to agree with the worried brethren. The average school utilizes less than thirty hours of the one-hundred sixty-eight hours that make up a week.

Certainly, it would seem possible for parents and church leaders to arrange a system of religious instruction not dependent upon the release of pupils from their regular classes. To intimate otherwise is to suggest that parents and church organizations are impotent.

There is no reason for the excitment of the "moral leaders,, unless they are willing to admit that, without the compulsory process of the schools, the homes and the churches of the country are utterly unable to reach the rising generation. If this, unfortunately is a fact it behooves the parents and religious leaders to get busy doing something else besides criticizing the decision of the Supreme Court.

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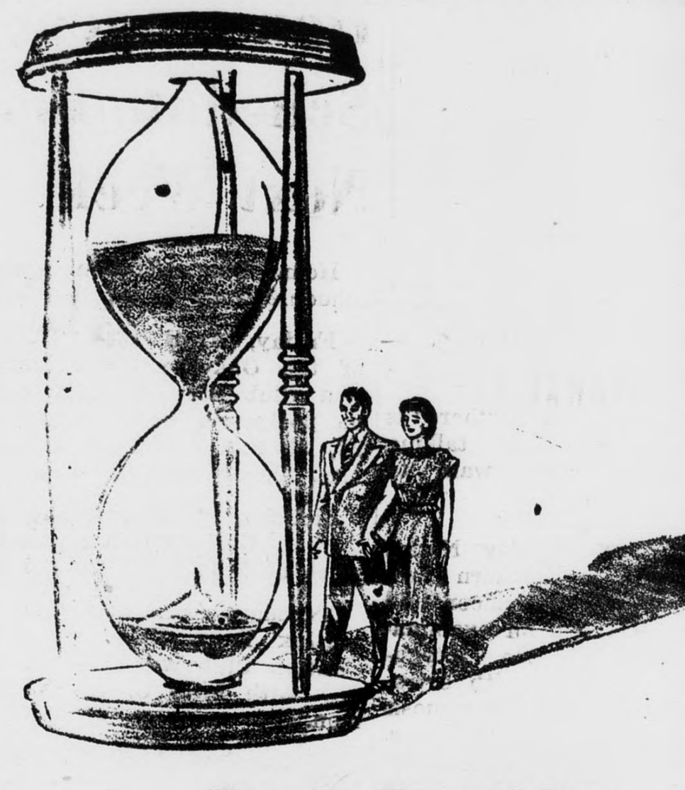

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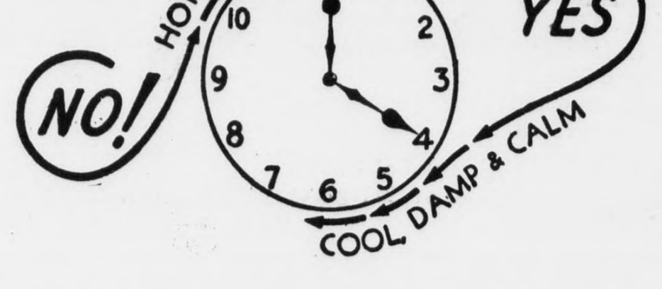

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Rocks News

Rocks, April 12.- The recent avy frost damaged the budding ics and other lawn shrubs. Not ich gardening has been done, e to the rain of the past several eks.

The Home Demonstration Club d its April meeting with Mrs. bert Roach last Monday.

Rhomy Wilson, who has been te ill, is much better.

Harry Eugene Ranson has the mps.

Mrs. Cal Ranson and Miss Cassie Baldwin attended the W. M. S. meeting at Rice Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Gow, of Battle Creek, Michigan, arrived on Wednesday to visit Mr. and Mrs. El Roach.

J. W. Dickerson and son, David went to Lynchburg Thursday to get Mrs. J. W. Dickerson.

Mrs. Willie Dickerson and children returned to Farmville Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickerson and Danny, of Brookneal were visiting in the neighborhood Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dickerson, of Beckley, W. Va., called to see Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Dickerson awhile Friday afternoon on their way to Cullen.

A number from Rocks attended the B. T. U. Group Meeting at Elon Church Friday night.

Sandra Ruth Roach has the mumps.

Mrs. W. F. Ranson is not so well.

Miss Mary Willie Ranson was quite sick over the week-end.

The monthly W. M. S. meeting was held with Mrs. Toby Inge on Saturday night. Mrs. Wilson Almond was program leader.

Helen and Ellen Taylor celebrated their first birthday today.

Rev. W. M. Black preached a fine sermon at Rocks last Sunday night.

It was quite rainy Sunday morning, but several came out for Sunday School.

The quarterly business meeting will be held at the church Saturday, April 17, at 2:30. Please attend this important meeting.

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Liberty Chapel

Liberty Chapel, April 13.- Mr. and Mrs. Hunter Jamerson and son were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Reynolds on Tuesday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thornhill and Mr. John Spiggle visited Mr. and Mrs. George Spiggle, of Pamplin, on Monday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Thornhill, of Abington visited in the home of his father, W. W. Thornhill last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Goin and family, of Hopewell visited her mother, Mrs. Lee Thornhill, on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Volney Garrette and family are visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. Percy Garrette.

Mrs. Kirk Megginson visited her daughter, Mrs. Richard Leigh Burke several days last week.

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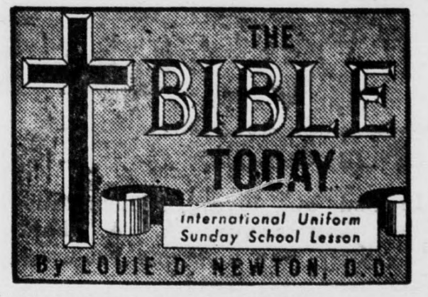
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SCRIPTURE: Ezra 1-6; Haggai.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Psalms 126:1-6.

The Return From Exile

Lesson for April 18, 1948

COWPER'S lines come to mind as we study the dramatic return of the Jews from their exile in Babylon to Jerusalem in the first year of the reign of Cyrus, king of Persia, 536 B. C.:

"God moves in a mysterious way
His wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea
And rides upon the storm."

Dr. Newton

And yet it is not altogether strange, for if you will turn to Jeremiah 29:4-14, you will find a prophecy given 50 years before the event that this very thing would occur. There were two other deportations of the Jews from Babylon, prior to the incident in our lesson — the return led by Daniel, 606 B. C., and the one led by Ezekiel, 597 B. C.

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PROCLAMATION OF CYRUS

THE proclamation of Cyrus, Ezra 1:1-5, records the happy word to the Jews that they would not only return, but that the temple would be rebuilt. Cyrus called upon all the people who would to make offerings by which the temple might be restored. Cyrus was acting under divine impulse in this gracious and generous proclamation.

"The Lord God of heaven hath given me all the kingdoms of the earth; and he hath charged me to build him an house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah," said Cyrus, Ezra 1:2.

Fifty thousand Jews, their hearts rejoicing at the thought of returning to the land of their fathers, set out on the trek of 600 miles, laden with gifts from the Persians for the restoration of the temple in Jerusalem. They could now sing the song of the Lord, and no longer did their harps hang silently on the willow trees.

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THE DECREE OF ARTAXERXES

THE fourth chapter of Ezra brings us to the halting of the work on the temple, after they had raised the magnificent sum of approximately $400,000, and had laid the foundation for the temple, with imposing ceremonies.

This delay was occasioned by the jealousy of the Samaritans, who went to Artaxerxes, through employed counsel, and convinced him that it would be dangerous to allow these Jews to rebuild Jerusalem. At first, the Samaritans proposed that the Jews let them use the temple in joint worship, but the Jews feared the Samaritans and refused their offer. It was then that the Samaritans effected the delay in the building of the temple by the space of 14 years. Meanwhile, the Jews went forward with the building of their homes and reestablishing themselves and their civilization in Jerusalem.

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STICKING TO ONE'S PURPOSE

WE come now to the part Haggai played in summoning the Jews to their duty and obligation to God to restore the temple. It was in the second year of the reign of Darius that Haggai received the word of the Lord. "Is it time for you, O ye, to dwell in your ceiled houses, and this house lie waste? Now therefore thus saith the Lord of hosts, Consider your ways."

It was enough. The people rallied to the call of Haggai, and the temple was completed. Men can always do what they ought to do, if they will to do it.

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GOD'S PURPOSE FULFILLED

THE message of Haggai was heeded. The temple was completed, Ezra 6:13-18, and God's purpose was fulfilled. Read Psalm 126.

This brings us to the golden text: "No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the Kingdom of God," Luke 9:62. When once the returned exiles felt the iron of God's purpose surging through their veins, they quitted themselves like men, and God's power was everywhere manifest. So may it ever be with us!

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Beverly Hills

Beverly Hills, April 12.- Mr. and Mrs. Whitcomb Wells have returned home after spending two weeks in Newport News visiting their sons, Ollie Wells and family, and Otho Wells and family.

Mrs. John R. Booker is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Malcolm Ewing in Charleston, S. C.

Miss Lois Rogers, of Rocky Farm visited several families in the neighborhood this week.

Mr. C. A. Carter, who has been sick for some time, continues about the same.

Mrs. Spurgeon Coleman and family spent Wednesday in Lynchburg visiting her father, Mr. Inge, who has recently suffered a heart attack.

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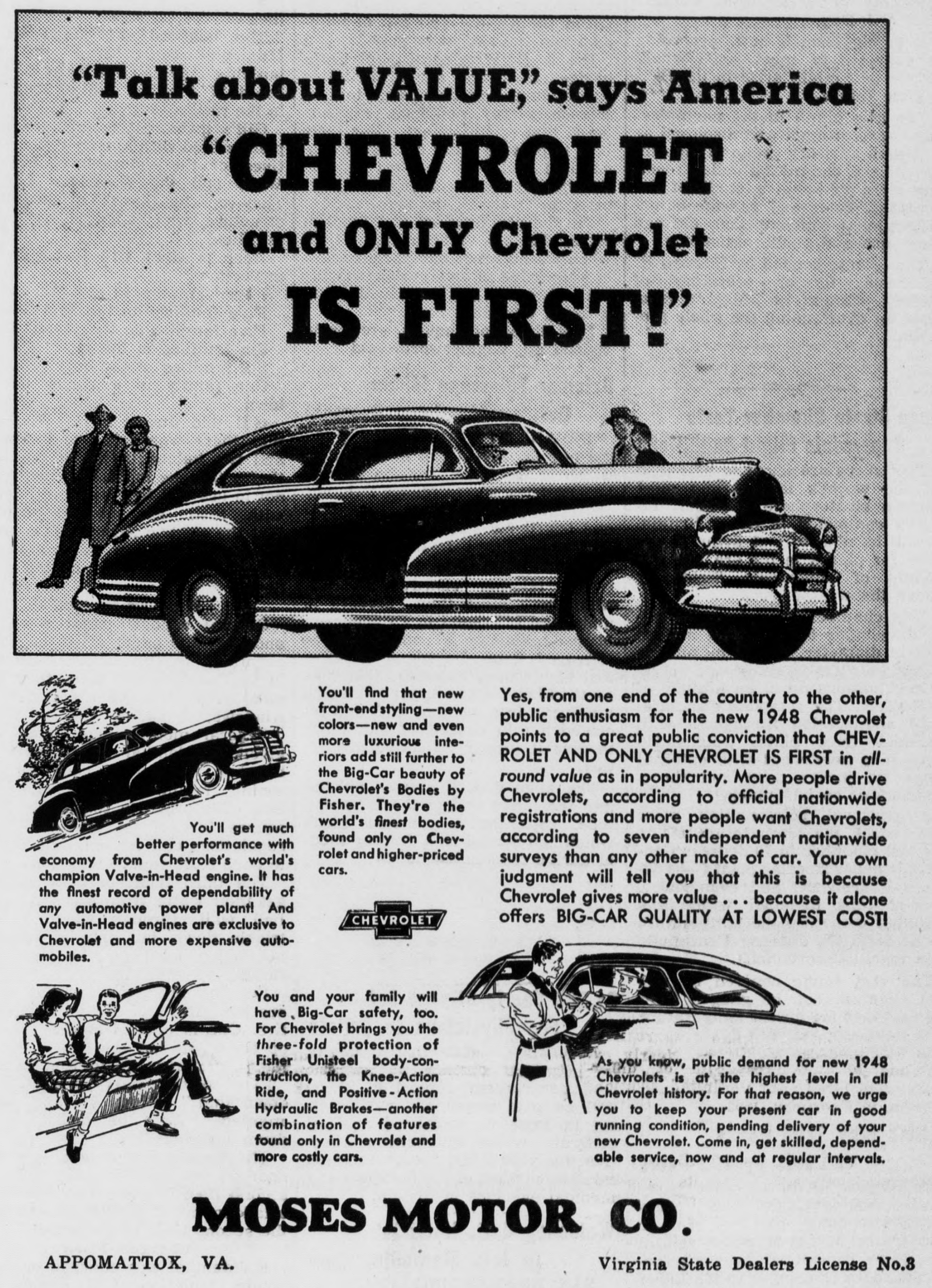
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